



SLAIS Canadian Health Libraries Association (CHLA) Student Interest Group

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CHLA/ABSC website: <http://www.chla-absc.ca/>

Minutes of the March 24, 2011 SLAIS-CHLA SIG Meeting

Date: Thursday March 24, 2011

Place: Trail Room

Time: 11:00

Present: Sandra Barron (SB), Fiona Chiu (FC), Bernadette Duffy (BD), Angie Hellman (AH), Anna Krangle-Long (AKL), Sumanjit Manhas (SM), Danielle Westbrook (DW).
Regrets: Ashley Jane Leonard (AL).

Minutes

1. Welcome.
2. Adoption of Minutes from March 3, 2011 meeting.
3. Approval of Agenda. No new items added.
4. Michelle Mallette presented an overview of Experiential Learning at SLAIS, covering both the Practicum (LIBR 595) and Professional Experience (LIBR 596). Both are unpaid. Practicum is required for MLIS and Dual students, but is optional for a student who has completed a SLAIS Co-op work term. Professional Experience is optional.

The Practicum is a two-week placement, largely observational with a minor project component and the idea is for the student to gain a better understanding of the role of a librarian within an organization, the variety of work that is done and how the unit fits within the larger organization. SLAIS students have completed a Practicum at: BC Cancer Agency; BC College of Physicians and Surgeons; BC Government Ministry of Health & Human Services; St. Paul's Hospital; UBC Hospital; Woodward Biomedical Library; Physiotherapy Association of BC.

Professional Experience consists of 120 hours of work and supervision by a MLIS or MAS. Projects are posted to the SLAIS blog, but can also be suggested by the student. Michelle encouraged students to do a Professional Experience to apply theory to real-life situations, gain experience in project planning and management and for networking.

5. The CHLA-SIG Consumer Health event on March 15th was a great success, nineteen people attended and they gave very positive feedback about the event. They were also encouraged to see that recent SLAIS grads. were in such interesting jobs. The speakers prepared a handout for the group and SM has e-mailed this to CHLA-SIG members.
6. SM has created a Google Doc. for the Executive Summary. **Action:** Executive Members will contribute to the document before the end of April and SM will post the final copy to the wiki.
7. Outgoing CHLA-SIG Executive Members Co-presidents Sumanjit Manhas & Anna Krangle-Long and Treasurer Angie Hellman were thanked for their excellent contributions to the group. Danielle Westbrook will be the new CHLA-SIG Co-president. Fiona Chiu will be Events Co-ordinator. Bernadette Duffy will be Interim Treasurer. **Action:** AH will pass on Treasurer info. to BD.
8. Next meeting early September. Representative to attend Sept 2011 new Student Orientation to promote CHLA-SIG group. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.